

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK

PUBLIC USE COUNTING AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Following are detailed instructions for collecting and reporting data to be entered on Form 10-157, Revised, Monthly Public Use Report by Carlsbad Caverns National Park. These instructions are effective the date of issuance and will continue in effect unless changed by amendment or by memorandum from the Socio-Economic Studies Division to the superintendent approving a requested change.

Each item below describes the procedures to be followed in collecting public use data and summarizing the various elements of those data for entry on the corresponding line on the 10-157, Monthly Public Use Report.

Recreation Visits

1. The number of main cave visits plus an additional 10 percent to estimate for persons not entering the cave.
2. The traffic count at Rattlesnake Springs is multiplied by the persons per vehicle multiplier of 1.5.
3. The number of backcountry day users and overnight users as recorded by backcountry permits.
4. The number of wild cave visitors as recorded by permits.
5. The number of Slaughter Canyon Cave visits.

Recreation Visitor Hours

1. The number of visitors entering the main cave is multiplied by 4 hours.
2. Rattlesnake Springs visitors are multiplied by 4 hours.
3. Backcountry day users are multiplied by 8 hours.
4. Backcountry overnight users are multiplied by 12 hours.
5. Slaughter Cave visitors are multiplied by 4 hours.
6. Wild cave visitors are multiplied by 8 hours.
7. Visitors attending the bat flights is multiplied by 1.5 hours.

Overnight Stays

NPS Backcountry - Miscellaneous Sites

The number of overnight stays by backcountry campers.

Special Use Data

Line n. The number of tour buses